Qualification of AIIMS President

1280. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the rules including the qualification governing the appointment of President of the All India Institute of Medical Science;

(b) whether the Present President fulfils those qualifications;

(c) if not, what are the reasons for his holding the post of President; and

(d) whether Government had received any complaints for the appointment of the Present President and if so, the details thereof and what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) Section 7 (1) of the AIIMS Act provides that there shall be a President of the Institute, who shall be nominated by the Central Government from among the members of the Institute. The present President, who is a Member of the Institute under Section 4 (e) of the AIIMS Act has been nominated by the Central Government to be the President of the Institute under Section 7(1) of the Act.

Gauge-conversion projects

1281. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total length of railway track in kilometres at present, gauge-wise;

(b) the details of railway track converted from meter-gauge to broad-gauge during each of the last three years, State-wise, till date;

(c) the expenditure on gauge-conversion during the said period;

(d) whether some requests/proposals for gauge-conversion received from the various State Governments are pending with his Ministry; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken thereon?